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Ad Te Levavi
(1st Sunday in Advent)
November 30th-- anno Domini 2025

Ad te levavi Domine animam meam. What's that? It's Latin, and it's from Psalm 25:1 - "To you, Oh Lord, have I lifted up my soul." This Sunday has historically been called *Ad te Levavi*, or "To you I have lifted" Sunday. It is also known as the first Sunday in Advent.

Advent is about Christ's coming. The word, Advent, means arrival. We observe the fact that Jesus came, comes to us still today through his Word and Sacraments, and that he will come again to deliver us from this vale of tears. He came in the flesh, rode into Jerusalem, and he brought with him our salvation by dying for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God (1 Pet 3:18). He came as the King of Kings, but not in worldly pomp and triumph. He came lowly and meek, riding on a donkey, to deliver salvation for his people. The prophet Zechariah prophesied (Zech 9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

It is when we know why Jesus came when we can understand why he still comes to us today as well as why he will appear to us on the last day. We observe in Advent this glorious coming of our righteous King who delivers us from sin by bringing to us his righteousness and salvation so that we may stand before God as his beloved children. All the while we enjoy the coming of our Lord as he sends us his Holy Spirit so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and thereafter in eternity. It is because he comes to us, remembering his mercy, remembering not our sins, and so remembering us, that we may lift up our souls unto him. We lift our souls to the Lord in confidence, knowing that his arrival is not in terror, but as the King of Kings who brings righteousness and salvation to his people.

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Matins

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

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Stand for final stanza

Opening Versicles

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Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

Venite ☞ *O Come, Let Us Sing*

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Service of the Word

1st Reading ☞ Jer. 23:5-8

⁵ "The days will come," says the LORD,

"when I will raise for David a righteous Branch

Who will rule as King and act wisely.

He will create fairness and righteousness in the land.

⁶ When He comes, Judah will be saved, and Israel will live safely.

This is the name that He will be called: The-LORD-Our-Righteousness.

⁷ "And so the days are coming," says the LORD, "when they will no more say, 'As the LORD lives who brought Israel out of Egypt,' ⁸but 'As the LORD lives who brought up Israel's descendants and had them come from the northern country and all the countries where I had driven them. And they will live in their own country.'"

P But Thou O Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

C **Thanks be to Thee O Lord**

2nd Reading ☞ Rom. 13:11-14

Do this especially since you know the time we're living in. It's time now for you to wake up from sleep because we are now nearer being rescued than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost over, and the day is dawning. Then let us put away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us live nobly as in the daytime, not carousing or getting drunk, not sinning sexually or living wildly, not quarreling or being jealous. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to have your fleshly desires aroused.

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

3rd Reading ☞ Matt. 21:1-9

When they came near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage and the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples. ² "Go into the village ahead of you," He told them, "and right away you'll find a donkey tied up and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say, 'The Lord needs them,' and immediately he will send them."

⁴ This happened so that what was said through the prophet would come true:

⁵ *Tell the daughter of Zion, "Look!*

*Your King is coming to you,
gentle, riding on a donkey,
even on a colt of a donkey."*

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their garments on them; and Jesus sat on them. ⁸ Most of the people spread their garments on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The people who went ahead of Him and followed Him were shouting:

"Our Savior, the Son of David!

Blessed is He Who is coming in the Lord's name!

Our Savior — in the highest heavens!"

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C ***Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!***

Hymn of the Day ✞ *Savior of the Nations, Come*

TLH #95

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Canticle

Stand

The Benedictus ✞ *Blessed be the Lord God*

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Prayer

Kyrie ✞ *Lord, have mercy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Salutation

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Collect of the Day

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

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After each collect:

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart ✞ *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TLH #73 (3rd tune)

Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Cory Swann, Easton Bailey, Jett Cronin

Next week: Matthew Otten, David Otten, Alton Swann

Greeter for today: Luke Otten

Next Week: Andrew Rethemeyer

Acolyte today: Colton Swann

Next Sunday: Tripp Cronin

Wednesday night Advent: Nolan Pelster

Flower and Altar Care: December: Ramona Ruediger

Organist: Andrew Finck

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th @ 7p *Midweek Advent Service*

Dec 24 @ 7p *Christmas Eve Service*

Dec 25 @ 10a *Christmas Day Divine Service w/communion*

Dec 31 @ 7p *New Year's Eve Service at Trinity*

Prayer and Petitions: Ken Altemeyer, Rachel Preus, Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Virginia Behrens, Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: None listed for this week.

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Hannah Rethemeyer will be leaving on **December 15** to help lead a Christmas VBS in **Kimuka, Kenya**, and is collecting donations to bring along! She's gathering **gently used children's clothing** (ages 5–14) and **donations** to help cover craft supplies and other small VBS needs. Please bring all items by **December 7**. There will be **two tubs in the back of the church** for clothing donations—once they're full, that's all that will be taken. Every bit helps make this a joyful Christmas for the kids in Kimuka! See the insert for more details. (If you prefer to write a check to Trinity designate to Hannah - Africa VBS)

Poinsettias are now being sold for the Ladies Aid to decorate the Church Chancel during Advent and Christmas. The poinsettias are \$10 each (6 red and 2 white) and will be delivered the second week of December. Please place your order by **December 3rd**. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out the insert in last week's bulletin and give it to Ladies Aid President Devin Eads or Treasurer Carolyn Scheer.

We are again providing **Christmas gifts** for the **Pregnancy Assistance Center**. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament from the tree in the narthex. Return unwrapped gift along with the tag by **December 14th**. Thank you for your help.

Trinity Youth (6th grade up through and including high schoolers and any college age youth who would like to help chaperone): Saturday, **December 6th**, 9 a.m.-11a.m. Church decorating, inside and out along with doing our semiannual Hwy 100 Trash pick up. Donuts for all in attendance as we *Serve with a Cheerful heart in Thankfulness for the Child whose birth we celebrate.*

Children's Christmas Eve Service practice began this morning. Practices will continue December 7, 14 and 21 beginning at **8:30 a.m.** Children and Youth through high school are welcome and encouraged to be involved. Dress rehearsal will be held after church on December 21st. The children will be treated to pizza immediately after church with the rehearsal starting around 11:45 a.m.

Christmas Caroling and Congregation Potluck soup and salad dinner **December 14**, right after church. Bring your favorite soup or chili along with salad or Christmas cookies. Dinner will begin immediately after church. Anyone interested in Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and other friends, will begin caroling after lunch until about 3:00 when they will conclude by singing at the New Haven Care Center.

Annual Washington Circuit Winter Youth Retreat will be held at Camp Trinity, **January 2nd & 3rd, 2026.** Youth mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It is for youth in Grades 6 through 12. Unchurched friends or members of other churches, also welcome. Some of our Washington Circuit Pastors will be leading the Bible Studies. The theme for this year is ***FREELY BY HIS GRACE Romans 3:23-24***, It will begin at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and conclude by 3 p.m. on the 3rd. Registration forms available are on the bulletin board. Please register by December 22st.

Christ The King Lutheran High School is ready to receive donations of appreciated stock through our financial partner, Lange and Becker, Inc. (636-390-8339).

If you're in a position to contribute appreciated stock, CTKLHS deeply appreciates your consideration toward Christ-centered education in our community. Every gift brings us closer to our August 2026 opening!"

We're grateful for the incredible ways our community supports Franklin & Gasconade County's FIRST-EVER Lutheran high school!

69 But the bishops might easily retain the lawful obedience of the people if they would not insist upon the observance of such traditions as cannot be kept with a good conscience. 70 Now they command celibacy; they admit none unless they swear that they will not teach 71 the pure doctrine of the Gospel. The churches do not ask that the bishops should restore concord at the expense of their honor; which, nevertheless, 72 it would be proper for good pastors to do. They ask only that they would release unjust burdens which are new and have been received contrary to the custom of the Church Catholic. 73 It may be that in the beginning there were plausible reasons for some of these ordinances; and yet they are not adapted to later times. 74 It is also evident that some were adopted through erroneous conceptions. Therefore it would be befitting the clemency of the Pontiffs to mitigate them now, because such a modification does not shake the unity of the Church. For many human traditions have been changed in process of time, 75 as the Canons themselves show. But if it be impossible to obtain a mitigation of such observances as cannot be kept without sin, we are bound to follow the apostolic rule, Acts 5:29, which commands us to obey God rather than men.

76 Peter, 1 Pet. 5:3, forbids bishops to be lords, and to rule over the churches. 77 It is not our design now to wrest the government from the bishops, but this one thing is asked, namely, that they allow the Gospel to be purely taught, and that they relax some few observances which 78 cannot be kept without sin. But if they make no concession, it is for them to see how they shall give account to God for furnishing, by their obstinacy, a cause for schism.